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1. UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES MENTIONED LAST PARA REFTEL DID OCCUR IN THAT LIBERAL GOVERNMENT OF PREMIER REGAN AT LAST MINUTE DECIDED AGAINST TACTIC OF RAILROADING COMPULSORY ARBITRATION BILL THROUGH IN ONE DAY.

WM OVER WEEKEND OF JUNE 14-15, PREMIER REGAN TOOK A DIRECT HAND IN TRYING TO ARRIVE AT REASONABLE COMPROMISE AGREEMENT WITH NURSES BUT NO PROGRESS MADE. AS RESULT LEGISLATURE CONTINUED DEBATE ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON JUNE 16. HOUSE DISSOLVED INTO COMMITTEE OF WHOLE SO THAT ALL MEMBERS WHO WISH TO SPEAK TO PROPOSED LAW GIVEN AMPLE TIME TO DO SO.

3. HUNDREDS OF NURSES FORMED "FOREGROUND" SCENE FOR VISIT OF GOVERNOR GENERAL LEGER DURING COURSE HIS VISIT THIS AFTERNOON, JUNE 16, TO LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

4. CAN BE ASSUMED THAT REGAN DECIDED AGAINST SPEEDY ACTION ON LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO AVOID CHARGES NOT ONLY BY NURSES' UNION BUT BY ORGANIZED LABOR AS A WHOLE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COERCIVE AND ARBITRARY IN
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HANDLING OF LABOR DISPUTES INVOLVING UNIONS WHO ONLY

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